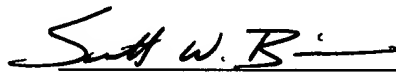


handset-receiving portion or releasing a hook switch. Therefore, all of the claims are patentable for the reasons set forth above with respect to Claim 46.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

Respectfully submitted,

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